



JAMESTOWN RESERVOIR

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Open House Participants Identify Issues

Reclamation kicked off the public participation process with two open house meetings held on October 14, and November 5, 1997 in the Law Enforcement Center in Jamestown. The purpose of these meetings was to inform the public of the Resource Management Planning process and to identify issues and gather opinions from the public. Reclamation and Stutsman County Park Board representatives collected suggestions, comments and opinions from open house participants. Others have communicated their comments by phone, mail and the Internet.

Some issues identified by the public include:

- Additional camping facilities and shoreline camping
- Water Quality - Cattle in water, shoreline stabilization, certification of cabin septic tanks
- Year round concession services
- Maintenance and paving of public access roads
- Additional public access points to the Reservoir
- Addition of bicycle/walking trails and other recreational facilities
- Long term cabin leases and divestiture of cabin lots
- Intensification of weed control efforts
- Exclusive use of public lands
- Grasslands Management - grazing

- practices and prescribed burning
- Conflicting Uses - livestock grazing adjacent to cabin areas, personal watercraft interference with fishing and harassment of cattle
- Criteria and procedures required for development on Reservoir lands
- Enforce laws prohibiting private use of public lands
- Boundary identification and protection of public lands
- Off-road vehicle use - motorcycles and ATV's
- Shoreline erosion control
- Wildlife habitat development and management
- Access to Reservoir water by cattle in private pastures adjacent to public lands
- Fees - cabin lots, grazing, camping
- Boat docks/lifts installed by adjacent homeowners
- Environmental and cultural resource protection

These issues will be consolidated into broader topics which will be discussed further in Focus Group Meetings. These Focus Group Meetings will offer the next formal opportunity for you to become involved in the decision-making process for the new Resource Management Plan.



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Focus Group Meetings Planned

Focus groups, made up of from eight to fourteen participants who have an interest in the designated topic, will meet during January and February to discuss management options for lands and resources associated with Jamestown Reservoir. Input from group members will be used by Reclamation and the Stutsman County Park Board to develop management options and to decide which options will become part of the new Resource Management Plan.

Groups will be assembled to deal with grassland management, recreation, cultural resources, leases and permits, and boundary identification and trespass issues. Individuals, along with organization and agency representatives, who have expressed an interest in these issues will be invited to participate. In order to keep groups to a manageable size, each faction will be limited to two representatives.

If you feel that you would be able to contribute to this effort by participating in a focus group or are interested in knowing the names of focus group participants, please contact the RMP team leader. We continue to encourage you to submit your comments or suggestions directly to either Reclamation or the Stutsman County Park Board or to contact the individuals representing your interests at the Focus Group Meetings. Highlights of these meetings will be included in the next news letter.

The Resource Management Plan deals exclusively with management of public lands, recreational facilities and resources of Jamestown Reservoir. The Resource Management Plan is not involved with management of the dam and reservoir levels. However, water management plans will effect and, in some cases, limit resource management options.

Ongoing related plans and studies include:

Jamestown Dam Water Control Manual
Environmental Assessment (EA) - Corps of Engineers

Arrowwood Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) - Bureau of Reclamation

James River Investigation of Existing Projects (IEP) Study - Bureau of Reclamation

Related Plans and Studies





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